



Wakefield Human Rights Commission
International Women's Day Subcommittee Meeting
Friday, January 21, 2022 by Zoom

Present: Maria Muti, Sherri Oken, Eileen Rooney
Absent: Emma Partyka

7:07 Call to order

I. Time/Date/Technology

Eileen booked the theater at the HS for March 8th Starting at 7 p.m.

She also contacted WCAT and they are able to help us (WCAT contacts: Barbara Worley and Ryan Boyd).

II. Logistics of virtual

Pre-recorded over Zoom or live streamed?

If a live stream, will the panelists need to wear masks? We don't anticipate the mandate will be lifted before March 8 and this will be much less personal.

Potential solution:

Pre-record individual short interviews on Zoom with unmasked panelists to get the basics of their stories. Provide links to WCAT to show at the beginning of the live stream.

Ask: Where is your family from, when did they come to the US and why did they come to America?

Present a live stream: a masked panel discussion with interaction.

III. Panelists

Mehreen Butt will moderate.

Saratin Rizzuto enthusiastically agreed to participate (Dominican)

Sherri has contacted Maya Jacob (Indian) and Teresa Aravena-Gonzalez (Chilean) but has not heard back yet.

Sherri will contact one of the AAPI month volunteers from Southeast Asia.

Who might know a person of African origin? Eileen has a colleague she can contact about a suggestion.

Emma will confirm if her mother, Anna Tolwinska (Poland), will participate.

IV. Entertainment

Eileen has contacted She Major but has not heard back yet.

Since singing indoors without masks may not be possible, we could possibly pre-record outdoors at the Gazebo and show the recording at the end of the panel discussion.

V. Questions to ask panelists

It would be good to get Mehreen's input.

What's "parts" of your family did you had to leave behind to fit in or get along?

What expectations did your family have in what coming to the US was going to be like?

Have those expectations have been met? What was surprising?

VI. Next Meeting

Invite WCAT to our next Zoom to discuss logistics

Eileen will find out when Barbara Worley is available and then Sherri will send a Doodle to find out when others can meet.

Once we have a date for the next meeting, Maria will contact Sherri Dalton

Adjourn: 7:36 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Sherri Oken